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A STRONG VOICE IN A GROWING AREA

RAVENNA and KENT, OHIO, TUESDAY JANUARY 31, 1978

WKNT came to the rescue

Last week's severe blizzard handed Radio Station WKNT, Portage County's only privately-owned radio station, one of its busiest times ever.

The storm, which virtually imprisoned the station's crew members at the studios for two days, turned WKNT into an emergency help center according to Bob Long, the station's news director.

Long doubles as the public information officer of the Portage County Disaster

Services Agency. It led to WKNT becoming a coordinator of information from the Disaster Services Agency and the Portage County chapter of the American Red Cross.

From the storm's beginning early Thursday morning throughout the day and Friday, people called the station with problems and emergencies. The information was passed on to the Portage County sheriff's department, the Disaster Services Agency and the Red

Cross.

"The phones never stopped ringing," said Long, who along with seven other crew members, was forced to spend Thursday night at the studios.

In addition to helping people with emergencies, WKNT provided regular updates regarding highway and road clearance advising road crews and travelers about road conditions. The station also provided the latest information regarding school and industrial closings.

"One thing that

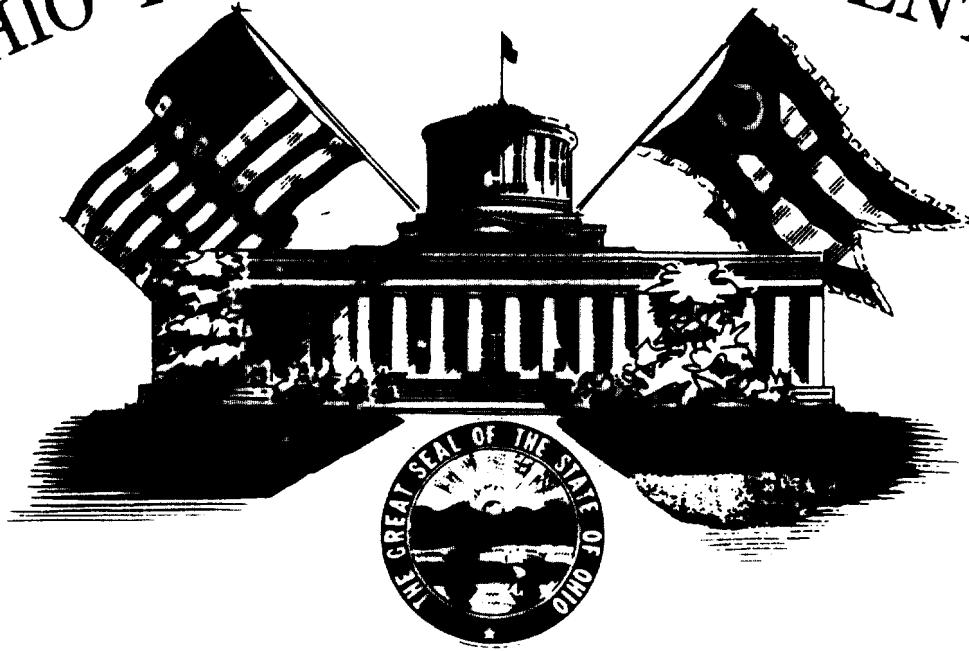
was kind of neat," Long said, "was that when a person would call in with a problem, that person would soon be contacted by a neighbor who would help out."

Long said the WKNT crew survived on emergency rations he had assembled before winter set in.

"They were all thrown into a pot and cooked up into sort of a gulash," Long grimaced.

The station crew was able to go home Friday afternoon and rest up to resume normal operations, he said.

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On behalf of the members of the House of Representatives of the 112th General Assembly of Ohio, we extend special and well-deserved recognition to the staff of

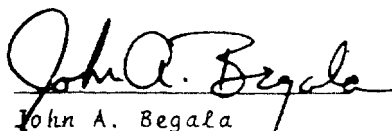
WKNT RADIO

for their exemplary acts assisting the residents of Northeast Ohio during the blizzard of 1978.

You are, indeed, a remarkable group of individuals. Combining humanitarian concern and commitment with selfless initiative, you reacted coolly and capably in a crisis situation. Your actions merit the esteem of the entire community, and have distinguished you as truly concerned and responsible citizens.

You are certainly to be commended. At a time when too many people are content to take a passive role in life, the staff of WKNT willingly involved themselves in the task of helping those less fortunate than themselves. We applaud your efforts.

It is, thus, with a great deal of satisfaction that we congratulate you for your actions and salute you as one of Ohio's finest radio stations.


John A. Begala


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April 19, 1977

Mr. Dick Klaus
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Dear Mr. Klaus:

The cruelty of this past winter is gone, but the experiences will both haunt and guide us for years to come.

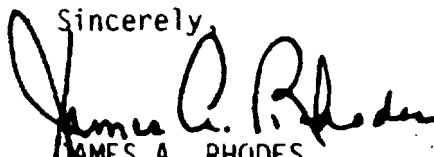
I had occasion to witness the absolutely phenomenal cooperation of Ohio's news media in helping Ohioans cope with, and finally overcome, the energy and weather crisis with a minimum of disruption and catastrophe.

Your news, information bulletins, announcements and other assistance can be credited with having a major role in achieving conservation necessary to help Ohio avert a major disaster during the crisis period. By keeping the public properly informed, you also played a valuable role in keeping the situation calm and manageable.

Your sense of concern and commitment is deeply appreciated by me and Jim Duerk, who served as chairman of the Energy Emergency Management Committee.

On behalf of all the citizens of Ohio, thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,


JAMES A. RHODES
Governor

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